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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : HESSE et al. Confirmation No: 6670  
Appl. No. : 09/926,491  
Filed : March 29, 2002  
Title : STEROID COMPOUNDS WITH A C-17-ALKYL SIDE CHAIN  
AND AN AROMATIC A-RING FOR USE IN THERAPY

TC/A.U. : 1616  
Examiner : B. Badio

Docket No.: : HESS3006/REF  
Customer No: : 23364

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants request that the period for response to the outstanding official action in this case be extended pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136 (a) for THREE (3) months to April 28, 2004.

The fee set in 37 CFR 1.17(a)(3) for a three month extension of time is \$475.00 and a check in this amount is submitted herewith. Small entity status has been established. Please charge any additional fee required for this extension to Deposit Account No. 02-0200. A duplicate copy of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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